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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory by sampling for Enterococci Bacteria and Turbidity, which is a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 17 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 11-15, 2016. **All 17 St. Croix beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing,**

St. Croix

Stoney Ground

Cramer Park

Shoy's

Dorsch

Princess (Condo Row)

Spratt Hall

Protestant Cay

Frederiksted Public Beach

Rainbow

New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)

Cane Bay

Columbus Landing

Buccaneer

Pelican Cove (Comorant)

Grapetree Bay

Halfpenny

Chenay Bay

St. Thomas and St. John district beaches were **not sampled during this time** due to staff attendance at an off island BEACH Program conference.

DPNR will continue to monitor these popular swimming areas. DPNR also recommends that you use your own discretion when swimming or fishing at the designated beaches. If the waters appear muddy or murky or have foul odors, do not swim or fish. For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix.